

C. Remarks

Claim 12 is the only pending claim in the subject application. This claim has been amended to delete the compounds of formulas (1)-(3) and to correct an informality. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration of claim 12 is expressly requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney wishes to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended to him during a telephonic interview conducted on January 20, 2004.

As indicated in the Examiner's Advisory Action mailed on January 26, 2004, in view of Applicants' Amendment filed on December 30, 2003, which has now been entered upon the filing of a Request for Continued Examination, the only rejection remaining in this case is a rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0034656 A1 (Thompson). The grounds of rejection are respectfully traversed.

As indicated in the final Office Action dated July 31, 2003, Thompson is applied only against a device of claim 12 in which the luminescent layer comprises a metal coordination compound represented by formula (1), (2) or (3). While Applicants disagree with the Examiner, solely in order to expedite prosecution, and without acquiescing to the propriety of the rejection, formulas (1), (2) and (3) have been deleted from claim 12. The only compound now recited in claim 12 is a compound of formula (4), which can be optionally modified.

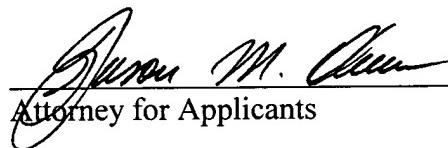
Since the Examiner advised Applicants' undersigned attorney during the above-mentioned telephonic interview that the compound of formula (4) is consonant with

the elected species and that the luminescence device as recited in claim 12 comprising this compound is patentable, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 12 is in allowable form.

Wherefore, withdrawal of the outstanding rejection and passage to issue of the subject application are respectfully requested.

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